

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1-2 and 5-7 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 3-4 and 8 are cancelled.

Claims 1-3 and 5-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Ando et al. and Cazier. It is respectfully submitted, however, that the claims are now patentable over the art of record for the reasons set forth below. The rejection of claim 3 is moot due to the cancellation of this claim. Applicants' invention, as recited by claim 1, includes features which is neither disclosed nor suggested by the art of record, namely:

... a record medium holding a plurality of data files of storing predetermined data and parameter information used for reproducing said predetermined data, **said data files being classified according to their data formats** ...

... parameter information file recording means of recording said parameter information in a parameter information file held on said record medium, said parameter information associated with **each of said data files being stored sequentially according to said data formats** ...
(Emphasis added).

Basis for these amendments may be found in the specification at page 13, lines 1-9, page 15, lines 11-24 and Fig. 2.

Applicants' exemplary embodiment includes a parameter information file 16 (Fig. 2). The parameter information file 16 includes a header portion 40 and storage portions 44-49. The header portion 40 indicates a position where groups of parameter information are located in storage portions 44-49 for different types of data files (i.e. audio, image and video), as shown in Fig. 2. Applicants' exemplary embodiment also recites:

In addition, it classifies the data files according to data formats such as the audio, image and video to store them in the contents list information file, and stores storage positions of the respective classes in the header portion. Thus, for instance, the reproducing apparatus capable of only reproducing the audio files does not require any information other than the information on the audio files so that, when reading the contents list information file, it is possible to read only the information of the audio file portion without reading any other portion based on the information of the header portion and consequently reduce the time of a reading process and also hold down a memory amount of storing the read data so as to provide an inexpensive reproducing apparatus of high responsiveness. (Page15, lines 11-24).

Thus, Applicants' exemplary embodiment discloses "... a record medium holding a plurality of data files of storing predetermined data and parameter information used for reproducing said predetermined data, **said data files being classified according to their data formats,**" as recited in claim 1.

The parameter information is also given content IDs (unique data file ID) associated with each data file format. (Page 13, lines 1-4). For example, content IDs 1, ..., n are assigned to the audio files, content IDs (n+1), ..., (n+m) are assigned to the image files and content IDs (n+m+1), ..., (n+m+k) are assigned to the video files. (Page 13, lines 1-9). That is, the content IDs for each format (i.e. the audio files, image files and video files) are unique to each other. That is, the "data files" in Applicants' exemplary embodiment are classified according to their "data formats" and the "parameter information" associated with each of the "data files" are stored sequentially according to the "data formats." Thus, Applicants' exemplary embodiment discloses "... said parameter information associated with **each of said data files being stored sequentially according to said data formats,**" as recited in claim 1.

The Examiner admits that Ando does not disclose "... unique data file ID by using order in which said parameter information file stores said parameter information." However, the Examiner argues that Cazier discloses these features. (Office Action, page 3, lines 10-13).

Cazier discloses a camera that includes a list of files (i.e. DSC0001.jpg, ..., DSC0004.jpg) displayed in the order in which they were taken when the images were sorted by their file names. (Col. 1, lines 12-24). The list of files in Cazier, however, are not based on different file formats (i.e. audio, image and video). Rather, the list of files in Cazier are all image files of the same format. Thus, Cazier does not disclose or suggest, "... parameter information file recording means of recording said parameter information in a parameter information file held on said record medium, said parameter information associated with **each of said data files being stored sequentially according to said data formats,**" as recited in claim 1.

Claims 2 and 5 depend from claim 1. Accordingly, claims 2 and 5 are also allowable over the art of record.

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Claims 6 and 7, while not identical to claim 1, include features similar to those set forth above with regard to claim 1. Thus, claims 6 and 7 are also allowable over the art of record for reasons similar to those set forth above with regard to claim 1.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this Application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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